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Climates of risk: A field analysis of global climate change in US media discourse, 1997-2004

Abstract:

How are industry and environmentalist discourses of climate risk related to dominant scientific and political discourses? This study operationalizes Bourdieu's concept of symbolic capital in order to map dimensions of risk description and prescription onto a journalistic field of industry, environmentalist, scientific, and political media. Results show that conventional definitions of risk mirror an opposition between scientific and political discourses. Prescriptions for action on risk are partly autonomous from definitions however. Environmentalist and scientific media feature more proactive discourse, and industry and political media feature more reactive discourse. Implications for future research on climate risk and relational studies of media discourse are discussed.

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Resource Description

Communication: ⊠

resource focus on research or methods on how to communicate or frame issues on climate change; surveys of attitudes, knowledge, beliefs about climate change

 A focus of content

Communication Audience: ⊠

audience to whom the resource is directed

 Public

Exposure : ⊠

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

 Unspecified Exposure

Geographic Feature: ⊠

resource focuses on specific type of geography

 None or Unspecified

Geographic Location: ⊠

resource focuses on specific location

  Global or Unspecified

Health Impact: ☒

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

  Health Outcome Unspecified

Mitigation/Adaptation: ☒

mitigation or adaptation strategy is a focus of resource

  Adaptation

Resource Type: ☒

format or standard characteristic of resource

  Research Article

Timescale: ☒

time period studied

  Time Scale Unspecified